A very short and plain Account of the Principles and Duties of the Christian Religion.

A SERMON

On *Acts* 16. 31.

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ACTS 16. 31.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.

THESE Words do propose to us our End, and the means conducing to that End. The End is to be sav'd, to be delivered from Sin and Satan, from everlasting Death and Misery; and to be reconcil'd to God, and made Partakers of eternal Life and Glory and Happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the greatest and most excellent End, that can be proposed to us; and we must needs desire earnestly to come to the Enjoyment of it.

Rom. 6. 22, 23.

1. Pet. 1. 3, 4, 5, 9.

And the means neceſſary to bring us to the Enjoyment of this great and glorious End is Faith in the Lord Jeſus Chriſt; a firm Aſſent to the holy Doctrine of the Goſpel; a Belief of the Divine Revelation; a Faith, which works by Love, and excite and moves us to keep the Commandments of God.

Joh. 3. 16. Mark 16. 16. Gal. 5. 6. 1. Cor. 7. 19.

Now that you may obtain that great End, the Salvation of your immortal Souls and everlaſting Bliſs and Happineſs in the Kingdom of Heaven, I will endeavour briefly and plainly to inform you of the Means, which are neceſſary to bring you to the Fruition of it. And I humbly beſeech Almighty God of his Infinite Goodneſs and Mercy ſo to fix my Diſcourſe in your Minds, that it may be a Guide to you in your Courſe thro' this ſinful World to the Kingdom of Heaven, and a delightful State of eternal Glory and Happineſs.

You muſt believe that there is a God, that is a moſt perfect Being, who never had any Beginning, and will never have any End; who is without Body, Parts, or Paſſions, and perfectly free from all Matter and Compoſition; who is wonderfully preſent in all Places, but circumſcrib'd and contain'd by none; who can eaſily do all Things, which do not imply a Contradiction, and which are not inconſiſtent with the Eſſential Perfections of his moſt glorious Nature; who exactly underſtands all Things, that have been, that now are, and that at any time ſhall or can be, both thoſe Things, which are neceſſary, and alſo

Heb. 11. 6 Mat 5. 48 Ps. 90. 2. John 4. 24 1. K. 8. 27. Ps. 139. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Mat 19. 26 Heb. 6. 18

Ps. 147. 5. Heb. 4. 13 Ps. 139 2.

alſo thoſe Things, which are contingent to us; and does moſt wiſely order and direct all Creatures to their reſpective Ends, and over-rules the wicked Actions of the Devils and ſinful Men, and cauſe them to conduce to his own Glory, and the Benefit of his faithful Servants; who always preſcribes that to be done, which is exactly agreeable to his own moſt excellent Nature, and to the ſeveral Natures of his Creatures, and takes notice of their Actions, and impartialy Diſtributes Rewards and Puniſhments to his reaſonable Creatures according to their Actions; who is faithful and true in all his Narrations and Promiſes and Threatnings; who is remov'd at an Infinite Diſtance from all moral Imperfections and Sin, and is perfectly Holy in his Nature, and in all his Works; who is good and benificent to his Creatures, and ready to beſtow upon them all Things, that are neceſſary to their Wel-fare and Happineſs; who pities his Creatures, which are in Miſery, or liable to it, and is ready to afford them Succour and Relief: who bears long with thoſe ſinful Creatures, that Offend him, and importunes them to repent and amend their Lives, that they may be the Objects of his gratious Favour, and not feel the dreadfnl effects of his Wrath and Vengeance for ever; who is truly and compleatly happy in himſelf, and continues always the ſame, without any variableneſs or ſhadow of turning in his perfect Eſſence and moſt adorable Attributes.

Mark 14. 30, Ro. 16. 27 Neh. 9. 6. Acts 2. 22 23 24: Ps. 145. 17 Gen 18. 25 Rom, 2. 6 Deut. 32. 3 num 23. 19 1 Pet. 1. 16 Ps. 145. 17 Ps. 145. 9. mat. 19. 17 Ex. 34. 67. Ps. 136: 1, 2 2 Pet. 3. 9. Ezek. 33. 11 1. Tim. 6. 15. Gen. 17. 1. Mal. 3. 6. Jam. 1. 17,

Deut.6. 4. i. Tim. 2.5 mat.28.19 i. Joh 5. 7. Rom. 9. 5 Joh.1.1,2, Act.5. 3,4

You muſt believe that there is but one eternal and moſt perfect God, and that this one eternal and moſt perfect God, is in ſome Reſpect (but altogether unknown to us frail and ſhort-ſighted Creatures) Three, ſignified to us in the Holy Scriptures by the Name of the Father, the Son and the Word, and the Holy-Ghoſt.

Gen. 1. 1. Heb. 11.3 Neh. 9. 6. Col. 1. 16, 17, Heb. 1.23

You muſt believe that God, who was infinitely Perfect and Happy in himſelf, did make the World of nothing by his Infinite Wiſdom and Power and Goodneſs; and that he made all Creatures, which are contain'd in it, Angels, and Men, and Beaſts, and Birds, and Fiſhes, and Inſects, and Creeping Things, and Trees, and Plants, and Herbs, and Fruits, and Flowers, and Minerals; and that he conſtantly preſerves and governs them all according to their reſpective Natures in a moſt wiſe and good and excellent Manner.

Ps.145.17 Gen.1. 31 1.Cor. 10. 13, 2 Pet.2. 4 Jude v. 6 mat 25.41

You muſt believe that the all-wiſe and moſt gracious Creator did make the Angels holy and good, and that they all might have continu'd in their original Purity and Happineſs, if they had not been groſsly wanting to themſelves; that ſome of them did continue in a ſtate of Holineſs and Happineſs, and that others of them did greatly Offend God their Creator and Preſerver, and not keep their firſt Eſtate, but left their own Habitation; and therefore are reſerv'd by a juſt God in everlaſting Chains under Darkneſs unto the Judgment of the great Day.

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You muſt believe, that God by his great Wiſdom and Power and Goodneſs did make our firſt Parents *Adam and Eve*, from whom the whole Race of Mankind was to be Propagated, and endow them with reaſonable and Immortal Souls capable to guide and direct them, and gave them an excellent Law to be the conſtant Rule of their Actions, and to ſhew them what Duties they ſhould perform to their Sovereign Creator, to the Sons of Men, and to Themſelves; and annex ſuitable Rewards and Puniſhments to this excellent Law of Reaſon, whereby they ſhould be indu'd to abſtain from the commiſſion of Sin, and to diſcharge their ſeveral Duties faithfully.

Gen. 1.26 27, 28, Eccl. 12.7 mat. 10,28 Rom. 2, 14, 15, Mic, 6. 8,

You muſt believe that God of his great Goodneſs was pleas'd to ſet our firſt Parents over the various Creatures of this lower World, and to ſupply them with all Things needful or convenient for them, and to give them a poſitive Law, which did require them to abſtain from eating of the Fruit of the Tree of the *Knowledge* of *Good* and *Evil* under the Penalty of *Death*; and that by the fatal Temptation of the *old Serpent*, (the Devil) they were prevail'd upon to eat of the forbiddeu *Fruit*, and to tranſgreſs the Commandment of God; and that by their heinous Tranſgreſſion they expos'd themſelves and all their Poſterity to Miſery and Death.

Gen, 1, 29 30,

Gen, 2: 17

Gen: 3: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Gen: 3: 19 Rom: 5: 12 1, Cor: 15: 22.

You muſt believe, that after the great Sin and foul Apoſtacy of our firſt Parents, God

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Gen: 3: 15 i, Joh. 4: 9, 10: John 1:29 Rev: 13: 8 Joh: 3:9,10 Acts 10: 34, 35: Luke 24: 44,45, 46, 47: Col: 2: 16 17: Heb: 10: 1 Gal, 4. 4,5 Mat 1. 21 John 3.16 Jo. 1,1,2,3 Jo. 17, 5, Mat, 1,21 Jo, 1, 41, Act, 10,38 John 3, 2, John 5,43 Ps, 2, 6, Jn, 14, 26 Heb, 7, 26 27,

was pleas'd to enter into a Covenant of Grace and Mercy with ſinful Men thro' the Merits and Mediation of an Al-ſufficient Redeemer, *Jeſus Chriſt*, who is the Lamb ſlain from the Foundation of the World, and to give ſome hopes of Pardon of Sins, of Acceptance with himſelf, and of eternal Happineſs to all thoſe Perſons, that truly repent of their Sins, implore forgiveneſs of them, uſe reaſonable Diligence to inform themſelves of the Will of God, and ſincerely endeavour to perform Obedience to it, ſo far as it ſhall be diſcover'd to them; and that the coming of this glorious Redeemer into the World was often foretold by the *Prophets*, and typified by various *Rites* and *Sacrifices* under the *Moſaick* Diſpenſation; and that in the fullneſs of Time he came into the World to ſeek and to ſave loſt and periſhing Sinners.

You muſt believe that this glorious Redeemer of Mankind, the *Lord Jeſus Chriſt*, is the only-begotten Son of God, and that as to his Divine Nature he had a Being before the World was Created, even from all *Eternity*; and that he was called *Jeſus*, becauſe he was to ſave his People from their Sins; and that he was called *Chriſt*, Becauſe he was anointed with the *Holy-Ghoſt*, and inveſted by *God* the *Father* with the great Offices of *Prophet, and Prieſt, and King*, To reveal the Will of God to the Sons of Men, to make Expiation of their Sins by ſhedding his moſt precious Blood upon the *Croſs*, and interceed-

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ing for them in Heaven; and to rule them by his righteous Laws, and his holy Spirit, and his Miniſters; and that he was called our *Lord*, becauſe he Created and Redeemed us, and is conſtituted by the Father the Head and Governor of the *Church*. Col. 1. 14. Heb. 9. 24 Luk. 1. 32 33 Rom 8. 9. Acts 10. 36 Joh 1. 2, 3 1 Pet 1. 19 Eph. 1. 22 Phil 2. 6-11.

You muſt believe that the gracious Saviour of the World, *the Lord Jeſus Chriſt* was conceived by the powerfull Over-ſhadowing and Operation of the Holy-Ghoſt, and Born of a pure Virgin call'd *Mary* of the Lineage and Family of *David*, and in the Town of *Bethlehem*; and that he liv'd an holy and virtuous Life, and was Baptiz'd by his Meſſenger *John the Baptiſt* about the thirtieth Year of his age, and declar'd to be the Son of God, and the Saviour of the World, by the viſible Deſcent of the *Holy-Ghoſt*, and by a Voice from Heaven, ſaying, *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well Pleaſed.* Luk 1. 35 Mat 1. 20 Mat 1. 20 23. Luk 2. 4, 11. Joh 7. 42. Heb 7. 26 27 Mat 3. 13 17. Luke 3. 21-23.

You muſt believe that Jeſus Chriſt did reveal the Holy Will of God to the Sons of *Men*, and perſwade them to believe in him, and to perform Obedience to his righteous Laws; and that he did confirm his excellent Doctrine by many plain and undeniable Miracles, and thereby unanſwerably prove Himſelf to be a *Teacher* come from God, and that he appointed certain Perſons to Preach his holy Doctrine to the World, to gather Men into his Church, and to Govern it according to his ſacred Laws; and that the Will of God, the excellent Doctrine, which our Heb 1. 1, 2 Joh 8. 26-29. Joh 10. 37 39. Joh 8. 30, 31. John 3. 2. Joh 20. 21 mat 28. 19 20. Joh 14. 26 Joh 20. 31

ii Pet 1:20 21. ii Tim 3. 16. i Cor. 14. 37. Rev 22.18 19. Joh 20.31 2 Tim 3. 16, 17. Rom 3. 4 Act,17.11 2 Cor 3.12. i Cor 2.1. Act 20.27 2 Tim 3. 16, 17, John 5.39 Act 17.12, Luke 16. 29, 31,

bleſſed Saviour and his Apoſtles taught, and confirm'd by many miraculous Works, was committed to writing by Men, guided by the infallible Aſſiſtance of the Holy-Ghoſt. and is contain'd in that Book which is uſually call'd the *Bible*, and the Holy Scripture; and that this excellent and unvaluable Book, has been ſafely convey'd down to us without any material Alteration; and that it is a perfect rule of Faith and Manners; and that nothing is to believed or done, as neceſſary to Salvation, which is not contain'd in it, or cannot be prov'd by plain and evident Conſequence from it; and that one Part of it is not contrary to another, and that it is to be underſtood and interpreted like other Books or Writings; and that is very plain and eaſy to be underſtood in all thoſe Particulars, that are neceſſary to everlaſting Salvation; and that the People ought to have it in a Language, which they underſtand.

mat 26.14 15, 16, 47, 48. 49. Mark 14. 61, 65, Mark 15, 15, 20. Luk 23.11 Luke 23. 13-16-24, John 19. 13-18,

You muſt believe that the Son of God, the *Lord Jeſus Chriſt*, was ungratefully betray'd by one of his own Diſciples, and ſold to his malicious Enemies for thirty Pieces of Silver; that he was unjuſtly condemn'd by the *Jewiſh Council*, and Buffetted and Scourg'd, cloth'd with Purple and crown'd with Thorns; that he was ſhamefully abus'd by *Herod* and his Soldiers; that he was ſeveral times declar'd to be an Innocent Perſon by his Judge *Pontius Pilate* the *Roman* Governour, and yet at the great and reſtleſs Importunity of the Jews

Jews he was baſely ſentenc'd to the Painful and ſhameful Death of the Croſs by him; that he was nail'd to the Croſs in his Hands and his Feet, and Crucified between two Malefactors; that he was laugh'd at and ridicul'd by his Enemies, and endur'd ſevere Torments on the Croſs, that he pray'd for his Enemies and Perſecutors, and offer'd up himſelf to God the Father a ſpotleſs Sacrifice upon the Croſs, and ſhed his moſt precious Blood upon the Croſs, for the Expiation of the Sins of the whole World; that his Side was pierc'd with a Spear; that ſome time after his Death he was taken down from the Croſs and laid in a *Sepulcher* hew'n in a Rock, wherein never Man was laid before; and that his precious Soul being ſeparated from his ſacred Body went into Paradiſe or Hades, the delightful Place of good Mens Souls, and there continu'd for ſome Time.

Luk24.39 Ps. 22. 16 Luk23.33 mat27.39, 44-46-50, Luk 23.34 Heb 7.26, 27, Heb 9.14, 15-25-28, i Pet 2.24, iJoh 2.1,2 Joh 19.34 Mark 15. 44-45, John 19, 38-22. Luk23,43 46, Acts 2.27

You muſt believe that our bleſſed Saviour, the *Lord Jeſus Chriſt*, did ariſe from the dead upon the third Day after his Crucifixion and Death upon the Croſs; and that he was ſeen ſeveral Times by his Diſciples and Followers; and that he did eat and drink with them after his Reſurrection; and that he was pleas'd to permit them to handle his ſacred Body, and to command one of his unbelieving Diſciples to put his Finger into the Print of the Nails, and to thruſt his Hand into his Side for his full Conviction; and that he did converſe with them during the ſpace of forty

Act10.36, 43, i Cor 15, 3, 8, Luke 24. 39, 40. John 20. 25, 29

Days after his Reſurrection, and inſtruct them in the Important Affairs of his ſpiritu-
Act 1.9,11 al Kingdom, and give his Bleſſing to them, and aſcend up viſibly into Heaven.

You muſt believe that the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, the gracious Redeemer of the World is tri-
Phil. 2. 5, 11. umphantly Exalted unto the right Hand of God in Heaven, and crowned with exceeding Majeſty and Honour, and Plac'd far above
Heb 7.25 every Creature in Heaven and Earth; and
1 *John* 2. 1, 2, that he does make Interceſſion with God the Father for all penitent and returning Sinners
John 16. 13,14 15 and rule the Church by his Word and Spirit, and Miniſters; and that he will come from thence at the end of the World array'd with
Mat 25. 31-46. the bright Glory of his Father, and attended with a numerous Train of the holy Angels, to call all Mankind to an Account for their
Acts 17. 31. Works, all thoſe Perſons, that ſhall be liveing at that Time, and all thoſe Perſons, that ſhall have died from the beginning of the World unto that Time, and to ſentence them
Rom 2. 6-9. to an everlaſting State of Happineſs or Miſery according to their Works.

You muſt believe that the Holy Ghoſt is one God with the Father, and the Son; and
1 *Jo.* 5.7. that he has revealed the holy Will of God to
2 *Tim.* 3. 16. the Sons of Men, and powerfully Aſſiſted the *Prophets* and our bleſſed *Saviour* and his *Diſciples*, in the performance of many miracu-
Mat. 12. 28. lous Works for the Confirmation of their Doctrine; and that he has Aſſiſted the Sons
Gen. 6. 3 of Men from the beginning of the World in

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the Discharge of their Duties to God, to their Neighbour, and to Themselves; and that he does still vouchsafe his gracious Assistance to them, and seasonably check and restrain them from the Practice of Sin, and put holy and virtuous Thoughts unto their Minds, and excite and move them to the faithful Performance of their Duty. *Luke* 11. 13. *Rom* 8.9 *Eph* 4.45 1 *Cor* 10. 13. *Eph* 5. 9.

You must believe that God has a *Church* of faithful and obedient People; and that Part of this *Church* is in Heaven and Happiness, and part of it upon the Earth conflicting with the World, the Flesh, and the Devil; and that this Part of the Church of Christ, which is now upon the Earth being divided into many particular Churches, does with that Part, which is now triumphant in Heaven, make but one Catholick or universal Church; and that this Catholick or universal Church does comprehend all true Believers in the World; and that this Church is Holy, as being in Covenant with God, and separated from the sinful World; as having promised to live according to the Laws of Christ, and acting according to that solemn Engagement. *Eph* 1. 22, 23. *Heb.* 12. 22 - 24. *Eph.* 6. 12 1 *Cor* 16. 1 1 *Cor* 12. 27. *Eph* 4, 4, 5 *Mark* 16. 16. *Acts* 16. 31. 1 *Pet* 2. 9 *Rom* 12. 2 *Rom* 8, 1

You must believe that this Church or Society of faithful People, who act according to the Laws of Jesus Christ, have Communion with God the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Ghost, and with one another in the Faith and the Hope of their Calling, in the Sacraments, and in mutual 1 *Jo.* 1. 3 2 *Cor* 13. 14. *Eph* 4. 4, 5, 6, *Jo.* 13. 35.

tual Love and Kindneſs; and that it is unlawful to diſturb the Peace of the Church, and to break the Communion of the Saints, to cauſe a Schiſm in the myſtical Body of Chriſt, and to erect an *Altar* againſt an *Altar*.

1 *Cor* 1. 10
Rom 16. 17, 18,

You muſt believe that God thro' the inеſtimable Merits and prevailing Interceſſion of his dear and well-beloved Son Jeſus Chriſt, will Pardon the Sins of all thoſe Perſons, that truly repent of their Sins, and ſincerely endeavour to live according to his holy Laws; that ceaſe to do Evil and learn to do well, confeſs their Sins to God with ſorrow and ſhame, and earneſtly implore forgiveneſs of them in the Name of Jeſus Chriſt, and conſtantly ſtrive to live ſoberly, righteouſly and godlily in the World; and that under the Goſpel Diſpenſation there is remiſſion of all Sins to be Obtain'd, excepting the Blaſphemy againſt the Holy-Ghoſt, which is a malicious Imputing of the miraculous Works of the Holy-Ghoſt, that were wrought for the Confirmation of the Goſpel to the Power of the Devil, which great and undardonable Sin, it is probable, cannot be committed ſince the Ceſſation of Miracles, eſpecially in ſo high a Degree, as ſome of the *Jews* committed it, who ſaw thoſe miraculous Works Effected, and could not deny them.

Acts 13. 38.
Acts 3. 19
1 *Joh.* 1. 9
Iſa. 55. 67.
Ezek 13. 27.
Acts 26. 15-18.
Luke 11. 9, 13.
Mark 3. 28, 29. 30
1 *Jo.* 5. 16. 17, 18.
Mark 3. 22.
Jo. 11. 47
Acts 4. 16

You muſt believe that the Souls of Men are Immortal, and that the Souls of good Men immediately after they are ſeparated from their Bodies, do go into a Place of Happineſs;

Mat 10. 28.
Eccl 12. 7

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and that the Souls of wicked Men after Death do go into a Place of Miſery; and that they will continue in theſe reſpective Places of Happineſs and Miſery untill the Reſurrection at the laſt and great Day; and that the Bodies of the Dead ſhall be raiſed, and their Souls ſhall be united to them; and that the Bodies of the Righteous ſhall be made Incorruptible and Glorious Bodies, and the Bodies of the wicked ſhall be prepar'd for their final and everlaſting Doom. *Luke* 23. 43. 2*Cor* 5. 1, 6, 7, 8. *Luke* 16. 19-31, *Acts* 24. 15. 1*Cor* 15. 42-58. *Dan.* 12. 2.

You muſt believe that after the final Judgment at the laſt and great Day, the Righteous will be conducted into the Kingdom of Heaven, and crowned with Glory and Honour and Happineſs, and Dwell for ever in the delightful Preſence of God, and of their glorious Redeemer Jeſus Chriſt; and that the Wicked will be ſent into dreadful Priſons of everlaſting Puniſhment, where the Worm Dies not, and the Fire is not quenched. *Mat* 25. 34-46. *Rom* 2. 6 7, 8: *Mat* 25: 41-46 *Mark* 9: 43-44:

You muſt believe that you ought to love God ths moſt Perfect Being and your greateſt Benefactor, above all other Things, and to chuſe to part with all Things, even the neareſt and deareſt to you, rather than to incurr his ſevere Diſpleaſure; and that you ought to fear him above all other Things, and to perform Obedience to his divine Will againſt all the angry frowns and terrible threatnings and cruel actions of wicked Men, *Mat* 5. 41 *Ps.* 145. 5 *Luke* 10: 27. *Eccl.* 12. 13. *Rom* 8. 18

You muſt believe that after you have ſincerely and faithfully endeavour'd to Diſ- *Eccl.* 9. 10

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charge your Duty, you ought to place your Hope and Confidence in the moſt wiſe and powerful and good Governour of the World, to ſubmit patiently to the All-wiſe Diſpenſations of his Divine Providence, to reſign up your ſelves entirely to his moſt gracious Diſpoſal, and to conclude that the Condition, which he is pleas'd to allot to you, is indeed the beſt and moſt convenient for you.

2Theſ. 3. 9-12: *Ps.* 42. 5, *1 Pet* 5: 7 *Mat* 26: 39: *Heb* 12. 6 *Rom* 8. 28

You muſt believe that Prayer is an humble and affectionate Preſenting of our Deſires to God our heavenly Father, either with or without Words, for a ſeaſonable ſupply of thoſe good Things, which you your ſelves, or other Perſons ſtand in need of, both for your Temporal, and Eternal Wel-fare; and that you ought to preſent your humble Addreſs to God the Father, in the Name of his Son Jeſus Chriſt, for his gracious Favours in the Morning and in the Evening, and at other convenient Times; and that you are ſtrictly Oblig'd to attend on the publick Worſhip of Almighty God on that Day, which is ſet a-Part for his Publick Worſhip and Service, if you be not hindred by Sickneſs or works of Neceſſity, Charity and Mercy; and that you ought to attend on the publick Service of God at other Times, when your temporal Concernments will give you leave to do ſo; and that it is not only Lawful, but alſo very Convenient to make uſe of a Form of Prayer in your ſolemn Addreſſes to the moſt wiſe and good GOD.

Luke 11. 9-13. *Mat* 7. 11 *1Tim* 2. 1 2. *Jam* 5. 16 *Mat* 4. 10 *Joh.* 16. 23-26. *Ps*, 55. 17 *1 Theſ.* 5. 17. *Heb.* 10. 25. *Mat.* 12. 7, 8. *Luk* 2. 37 *Eph* 6. 18 *Num.* 6. 23, 26. *Luke* 11. 1-5. *2Cor.* 13, 14.

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You must believe that you ought to consider seriously and frequently, of those many and great Favours Corporal and Spiritual, which God your heavenly Father has freely conferr'd upon you and other Persons, and to endeavour to possess your Souls with a grateful and affectionate Sense of them, and thankfully to speak of them, and to praise and adore him for them at all convenient Times both in Publick and Private, and to testify your grateful and thankful Sense of the Divine Favours by devoting your selves to his Service, and by walking before him in Holiness and Righteousness all the Days of your Life. 1 *Sam.* 12. 24. *Mat.* 7. 11 1 *Tim.* 2. 1, 2. *Ps.* 71. 17. *Ps.* 100. 4, 5. *Pet.* 9. 27. 28. *Deut.* 6. 3-6

You must believe that you ought to pay due Honour and Reverence to the great and glorious Majesty of Heaven and Earth, and to every thing that bears a peculiar Relation to him; to his holy Name and Divine Sacraments; to his Ministers and his House, and to his sacred Word; and that you ought to read the holy Scriptures frequently, with Humility and Reverence, with Seriousness and Attention, and with a sincere Desire to be inform'd of your Duty, and to be encourag'd to the faithful Discharge of it. 1 *Sam* 2. 30. *Num.* 16. 37. *Rev.* 15. 4 1 *Thes.* 5. 13. *Isa.* 66. 2 *Jo.* 5. 39. 2 *Tim* 3. 14-16.

You must believe that the sacred Rites of *Baptism* are appointed by our Blessed Saviour, to be the only ordinary Means of entring into the Christian Church; and that it is the Dipping of Persons in, or the washing or sprinkling of them with Water, in the Name *Mat* 28. 19. 1 *Cor* 12. 13. *Mat.* 28. 19.

Jo. 20. 21 Mat 28. 19, Acts 2. 38 1 Pet 3. 21 Mark 10. 14, 1 Cor 7. 14 Acts 2. 38 39

of the *Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt*; and that it ought to be Adminiſtred only by thoſe Perſons, whom our Lord has been pleas'd to appoint the Governours of his Church; and that it is to be Adminiſtred but once; and that all Adult Perſons, who make profeſſion of Repentance, and of Faith in Chriſt, and of a Reſolution to perform ſincere Obedience to his holy Laws, ought to be Baptized; and that the Infants of believing Parents not only may, but ought to be admitted into the Chriſtian Church by the ſacred Rites of Baptiſm.

Luke 22. 19. 20. Mat. 26. 26. 27. 28 1 Cor 11. 23. 26. 1 Cor 10. 16-17. 1 Cor 5. 7, 8. Mat 26. 36, 27, 28 Iſa 53. 4, 5, 1 Jo 2. 1, 2.

You muſt believe that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ought to be duly and frequently Adminiſtred by thoſe Perſons, whom our Bleſſed Lord has Commiſſion'd and Appointed to do it, and to be gratefully receiv'd by all Chriſtians, that are arriv'd to the uſe of their Underſtanding, and are capable of examining their Lives, and diſcovering their Miſs-doings; of confeſſing their Sins to God, and begging Pardon of them in the Name of Jeſus Chriſt; of devoting themſelves to the Worſhip and Service of God, and worthily commemorating the Death and Paſſion of our bleſſed Saviour for the Redemption and Salvation of Mankind; and that the Bread and the Wine, which are to be uſed at that Time, ought to be Bleſſed or Conſecrated, and to be broken and pour'd out, to repreſent the wounding and breaking of the ſacred Body, and the ſheding of the precious Blood of our

Bleſſed

Bleſſed Saviour for the Expiation of the Sins of the whole World; and that the Subſtance and Nature of the Bread and Wine do continue after Conſecration; and that all Chriſtians, who do partake of the Conſecrated Bread, ought to partake of the Conſecrated Wine too; and that thoſe Perſons, who come to the Lord's Table with true Repentance, and a lively Faith in God's Mercies through Chriſt, and a thankful Remembrance of his meritorious Death, and a fervent Charity to all Men, and a ſincere Reſolution to keep their baptiſmal Covenant for the Time to come, do as certainly receive the Body and Blood of Jeſus Chriſt, as they receive the ſacred Signs and Symbols of them, the Bread and Wine; that is, they are infallibly intitled to the Ineſtimable Benefits of Chriſt's meritorious Death and Paſſion, the Pardon of Sins, the gracious Aſſiſtance of the holy Spirit, and eternal Happineſs in the Kingdom of Heaven.

1 Cor 11. 23-28. *Mark* 14. 22-25, *Acts* 3.19 *Heb.* 10. 21-22. *Mat* 5. 23-24. *1 Cor* 5-7,8 *Iſa* 55.67 *Eph* 4. 4. *Mat* 5.8 *Rom* 8.13

You muſt believe that you ought Duly to obſerve thoſe Faſts, which are enjoin'd by your Governours; and that you ought to ſet apart ſome convenient Time for private Faſting and Humiliation; and that you ought conſtantly to uſe ſuch Abſtinence, and ſo to reſtrain your Appetite towards Meat and Drink, as will fit and qualifie you the better to Diſcharge your Duty, and to live Soberly, Righteouſly and Godly in this preſent World.

Rom 13.1 *Mat* 9.15 *2 Cor* 11. 27.

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Joh 4. 23. 24. Mat 28. 19-23. 1 Cor 14. 26. Ps. 95. 6, Isa 40. 18 Rom 1. 25

You must believe that you ought to worship God in Spirit and in Truth, and according to those excellent Directions, which he has given to us in his holy Word, and with such decent and lowly Gestures of Body, as are fit to represent the Humility and Reverence of your Mind; and that it is unlawful to attempt to represent the Infinite and most perfect God by an Image or Picture, and to give Divine Worship to any Image or Picture, or to any created Being.

Heb 6. 13, 16. Mat 5. 33 Eph 4. 25. Acts 4. 19. Ps 76. 11 Rom 3. 8 Eccl 5. 5. 6 Ex. 20. 7 Jam 5. 12

You must believe that it is lawful to take an Oath, when you are requir'd to do so by a just and lawful Authority; and when you do take an Assertory Oath, that you are oblig'd to swear the Truth and nothing but the Truth; and when you do take a Promissory Oath, that you are strictly oblig'd to promise nothing but that, which is lawful to be Perform'd, and which you realy intend to Perform; and that an Oath cannot oblige you to do any thing, which is Impossible or Unlawful; and that if you should make any Vow to the Almighty, it ought to be of that, which is Lawful, and Possible, and convenient to be done; and that you ought duly, to observe such a Vow; and that it is unlawful to swear by any Creature, to take the glorious Name of God in vain, and to call him to be a Witness to our vain and idle Talk or common Discourse.

Ex. 20. 8-11.

You must believe that the first Day of the Week, usually call'd Sunday and the Lord's Day

Day, is set a-part for the Commemoration of the great Power and Wisdom and Goodness and Mercy of God Discover'd in the Creation, Preservation, and Redemption of the World; and that it ought to be spent in the Worship and Service of God, in private Prayer and Thanksgiving, in pious Meditation and reading of the holy Scriptures and other good Books, in performing Works of Necessity, Charity and Mercy, and in due attendance on the publick Worship of God; and that all Persons ought to go to the Church in due Time, before the Divine Service begins, and to behave themselves Reverently and Decently in the House and Presence of the great God, and to join affectionatly in the Confession of Sins, in the Prayers and Praises, in the Confessions of Faith; and to attend seriously and diligently to the good Word of God Read and Preach'd; and to join in all the Responses or Answers, that are to be made in the Time of the divine Service; and to receive the holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and to join then with, and to attend to, the publick Service, and to make use of their own Books of private Devotions at such Intervals, as the publick Service is Interrupted.

Act 20 7
Isa 58.13 14.
Ps. 111. 1-10
Jo. 5. 39
Heb. 13. 16.10.25
Lk 11.28
Mat 18. 20.
Eph 5.19-20:
2 *Tim* 1. 13.
Lk 19 48
1 *Cor* 14. 33-40.
Eph 5.16-17.19.20

You must believe that you ought to be just and upwright in all your Intercourses and Commerce and Dealing with others, and to render to all Persons, to Superiours, to Equals, and to Inferiours, whatsoever by any kind of Right

Mic. 6. 8
Gal 6.9-10.
Job 29. 11-17.

Right becomes their Due; and that you are
James 5. 19-20, *Gal* 6, 1 oblig'd as you have Opportunity and Ability, to perform all Offices of Charity and Mercy to Men in respect of their Souls, Bodies, Goods and Reputation; to Instruct the Ignorant, to
1 *Thes* 5, 11, reprove the Sinner, to advise the Doubtful, to comfort the Disconsolate, to feed the Hungry, to cloath the Naked, to defend the Op-
Mat 5.44 *Mat* 7.12 *Lk.* 6. 31 pressed, to vindicate the Slander'd, and to do to all other Persons, as you would, they should do to you; if ye were in their Circumstances, and they were in yours.

You must believe that you ought to be so-
Tit. 2. 11. 12. *Gal* 5. 19. 20-21 ber and temperate in the use of all the good Creatures of God, and in the desire of sensual Pleasures; to be Humble and Meek and Peaceable, to be Courteous and Affable and Condescending; to be Chast and Modest and Pa-
Ro. 12.18 *Jam* 5 8. tient; to be true to your Word, and Diligent in your lawful Employment, and contented with your present Condition in the World.

You must believe that Civil Government
Rom 13.1 is the Ordinance of God, and that Governors are Appointed by him; that it is the Duty
Rom 13, 3,4,5,6, 1 *Cor* 10 31 of him, or them, who are invested with the Supreme Power or Authority, to enact such Laws, as are judg'd necessary and convenient to promote the Glory of God, to advance
Rom 13.4 *Mat* 5.16 *Gal* 5.19-20,21,22 23, the true Religion, and to secure and promote the Peace and Welfare and Happiness of the Society; and to see that the Laws are duly Executed; and to set a good Example to the People of Piety and Devotion, of Justice and

Mercy

Mercy, of Sobriety and Temperance; and to pray to God, the Author of all good Things, for the Peace and Happiness of the Society.

You must believe that all Subjects ought to perform Obedience to the lawful and reasonable Commands of their Governours; and if Things unlawful should be commanded by them, that they ought not to obey them, so far as their Injunctions are judg'd to be unlawful; but that they ought meekly and quietly to undergo the Punishment, which is annexed to their unlawful Laws, and by no means to resist and oppose their Authority; and that all Subjects are oblig'd to pay due Honour, and Love, and Reverence, and Tribute to their Governours, and to pray for them, and to live Peacably under their Government, and to promote the Welfare and Happiness of that Society, whereof they are Members.

Ro 13.1.2
Acts 4, 19
Ro 13. 2-3, 4, 5,
1 *Pet* 2, 17
1 *Tim* 2. 1, 2,
Tit 2, 11, 12,
Jer. 29:7.

You must believe that the Governors of the Church are oblig'd to take care of the Church of God, which he has Purchas'd with his own Blood, to admit Persons duly qualified into the Ministry; to preach and explain the Word of God rightly, and to administer the holy Sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper duly; to exclude wicked and scandalous and obstinate Sinners from the holy Communion of the Church, and to receive into it the Faithful and Humble and Penitent; to instruct the Ignorant, to reprove the Unrighteous; to resolve the Doubtful; to visit the Sick

Acts 20. 28,
Jo 20. 21,
1 *Tim*. 3. 1-13,
Luk. 22. 19 20,
2 *Tim* 4. 1-5.
Gal 6. 1.

Jam 5. 14 Sick; to comfort the Afflicted; to be diligent
Joh. 5. 39 in reading the holy Scriptures and other pious
Tit. 1. 6-11. and useful Books; to be prudent and zealous in the Defence of Truth, and the confutation
1 Tim 4. 12 of Errors; to be a Pattern of holy and virtuous Actions to others; to pray for the Peace
1 Tim 2. 1, 2, and Welfare of the Kingdoms of the World, and of the Christian Church, the propagation
Eph 6. 18, 19, of the Gospel, and the Conversion of wicked Men, the success of their Ministry, and the Peace and Happiness of that particular Church
Eph 1. 15, 20, which is more immediately commited to them; and to give thanks to God for the
1 Thes 2. 13. Success of their Ministry, and his gracious Benefits conferr'd on the Church; and that
Jo. 20 21 the Governors of the Christian Church appointed by our Blessed Saviour and his A-
1 Tim 3. 1-7. postles are Bishops, Presbyters or Priests, and
1 Tim 5. 17 Deacons; and that no Person ought ordinarily to take upon himself to Preach the Word
Mat 28. 19 20. of God Publickly, and to administer the holy Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's
1 Tim 4. 14 Supper in the Christian Church, but he that
1 Tim 5. 22 has been duly Ordain'd and Authoriz'd to do so, by a Bishop and some of his Presbyters.

You must believe that all Christians ought
1 Thes. 5. 12. 13. to Love and Honour their Ecclesiastical Governours, and to esteem them very highly
Ex 20. 12 for their Work's sake; to be candid and fa-
Jam 4. 11 vourable in their Censures, and ready to
Col. 3. 8-14. conceal their Infirmities and Defects; to attend duly on their Ministry and obey their
1 Pet 4. 8, Doctrine and Injunctions, so far as they are

agreeable to the Word of God; to render to them their Dues, and to reward them liberally for their great Pains and Diligence in the discharge of the ministerial Office; to Pray for them, that God wou'd be pleas'd to make them Diligent and Industrious in the discharge of their Duty, to direct them in the way of Truth and Righteousness, to give success to their Ministry, to bless them with Health and Happiness, and to give thanks to God for all the Benefits, which they receive by them. *Heb* 10. 25, *Acts* 4. 19 *Rom* 13. 7 *1Cor* 9. 14 *1Thes* 5. 25 *2Thes* 3. 1-5 *Eph* 5. 20

You must believe that Marriage is the Institution of God, and Honourable in all; and that a Man ought to have but one Wife at a time, and a Woman but one Husband; and that it is unlawful for a Man to put away his Wife, and for a Woman to put away her Husband, and to Marry again, except in the case of Adultery; and that the Husband ought to love his Wife, and to be faithful to her Bed; to give her convenient Maintainance, and to treat her with Gentleness and Equity; to conceal her Infirmities, and to instruct her in all parts of her Duty; to give her a good example, and to pray for her temporal and eternal Happiness. *Mat* 19. 45-6 *1Tim* 3. 2 *Mark* 10 11, 12 *Gal* 5. 19, 20, 21, *1Tim* 5. 8 *1Pet* 3. 7 4 8, *Jam* 5. 16

You must believe that the Wife ought to love her Husband, and to obey all his lawful and reasonable Commands; to be faithful to his Bed, and diligent and careful in the management of his Houshold-Affairs; to conceal his Defects, and to advise him in the ordering *Tit* 2. 4, 5 *Col* 3. 18 *Eccl* 9. 10

Heb 3.13 of his temporal and eternal Concernments;
1Pet 3.1-6 to be grave and meek in her Behaviour, and
Tit 3. 8, decent in her Attire; to give him a holy and
Mat 7.11 virtuous Example, and to pray to God for
12, his temporal and eternal Happineſs.

You muſt believe that Parents are oblig'd
to take care to maintain and educate their
1Tim 5.8, Children, and to ſhew love and tenderneſs
towards them; to ſee that they be duly ad-
Tit 2. 4, mitted into the Chriſtian Church by the holy
Rite of Baptiſm, and inſtructed in the nature
Act 2. 38, of the baptiſmal Covenant, and the Duties
39. of a holy and chriſtian Life, when they come
Eph 6. 4, to years of Underſtanding; to put them often
Deu 6.4,7 in mind of the glorious Being and over-ruling
Providence of God; of the Creation, Preſer-
Heb 11 6, vation, and Redemption of the World; of
the immortality of their Souls, and the final
Col 1. 16, Judgment; of the everlaſting Happineſs of
17, good Men, and the eternal Puniſhment of the
2*Tim* 1.10 workers of Iniquity; to check and reſtrain
their exorbitant Deſires and irregular Paſſions,
Mat 25. and to accuſtom them ſometimes to ſelf-deni-
26 o al; to encourage them in well-doing, and to
Prov 22.6 make them ſenſible of their Faults, when
they do amiſs, and to Correct them for them
Col 3. 21, ſeaſonably and moderately; to endeavour to
2*Cor* 12. fit them to be ſerviceable in their Generation
14. by a convenient Education, and to put them
Prov 22.6 into an honeſt and ſuitable Employment; to
give them a good Example, and to pray to
Jam 5.16 God for their Wel-fare and Happineſs; to ſee
Mat 6.6, that they read and pray and give thanks to
God

God in Private, and duly attend on the Worſhip of God in Publick, and to examine them afterwards how they behav'd themſelves in the Church, and what they have remember'd of that, which was done there; to endeavour to ſettle them well in the World, and to do what they conveniently can for them to promote their Welfare and Happineſs. *Heb* 10. 25, *Gen.* 18. 19 *Mat* 7. 12 *Heb* 3. 13

You muſt believe that Children ought to love their Parents, and to pay them due Honour and Reverence, to perform obedience to all their lawful and reaſonable Commands without murmuring and complaining; and if they ſhould command them to do anything unlawful, to deny their obedience modeſtly, and to let them know, that they muſt obey God rather than Men; to conceal their Faults and Infirmities; to bear their Imperfections and Corrections with Patience and Meekneſs; to contribute to their relief, if they ſhould fall into Want, to be ready to aſſiſt them in the time of Weakneſs and Sickneſs; to aſk their Advice in all conſiderable Matters, eſpecially in the caſe of Marriage, and to follow their prudent Directions; to pray to God for their temporal and eternal Welfare, and to return their hearty Thanks to God and them, for all the care and pains, which they have taken, and for all the favours, which they have conferr'd upon them in their Education. *Mat* 10. 37. *Col* 3. 20. *Acts* 4. 19. 1 *Pet* 4. 8, *Heb* 12, 9, 10, 1 *Tim* 5. 4, *Prov* 1. 8 9 *Num* 30. 3, 4, 5, *Jam* 5. 16 *Eph* 5. 20, *Mic* 6. 8. *Tit* 2. 11, 12

You muſt believe that Maſters ought to be juſt to their Servants, and to give them whatſoever *Col* 4. 1,

Rom 13.7 *Eph* 6,9, *Gal* 6.1. whatſoever by right and compact is their Due; to treat them with Equity and Gentleneſs; to admoniſh them prudently and ſoberly for their Faults, to bear with their Infirmities; to inſtruct them in their Duty to God, their Neighbour and Themſelves; to give them a good example of Piety and Virtue; to pray to God with them and for them; to allow them convenient time to ſerve God in Publick and Private; and to take care that they diſcharge their Duty to him.

Heb 3.13, *Mat* 7.13 *Mat* 5.19 *Jam* 5.16 *Joſ* 24.15 *Gen* 18. 19,

Col 3. 22, 23, *Acts* 4.19 1*Pet* 4. 8, 1*Pet* 2.18, *Jam* 5.16

You muſt believe that Servants ought to perform obedience to the lawful and reaſonable Commands of their Maſters; to give them due Honour and Reverence, to be faithful and diligent in the diſcharge of their Duty; to be Juſt and Honeſt to them; to conceal their Infirmities; to hearken to their good Inſtruction; to bear their reproof and corrections Patiently; to ſubmit to the lawful rules of their Family; and to pray to God for their temporal and eternal Happineſs,

2*Tim* 2. 19, 1*Pet* 1.15, *Mat* 7.21 *Rom* 6.22

To conclude, You muſt believe that you are ſtrictly oblig'd to abſtain from the Practice of all Sin, and to perform ſincere and conſtant obedience to all the Commandments of God. If you will faithfully endeavour to do this, then you will be ſav'd. If you will have your Fruit unto Holineſs; then your end will be everlaſting Life thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, to whom with the Father and the Holy-Spirit be all Honour and Glory, Praiſe and Thankſgiving for ever and ever, *Amen*.

O moſt

O moſt merciful God and Father we humbly beſeech thee to pardon our Sins, which make us unworthy of any of thy divine Favours; and to grant that thoſe holy and excellent Truths contain'd in thy ſacred Word, may make ſo lively and laſting an impreſſion upon our Minds, as may effectually induce us to cleanſe our Hands, and to purifie our Hearts from all Uncleanneſs; to reſiſt all Temptations to the Practice of Sin, and to ſerve thee in Holineſs and Righteouſnes all the Days of our Life thro' Jeſus Chriſt our bleſſed Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Family.

O Moſt mighty God and merciful Father, who art ready to hear the devout Prayers of thy People, and to give them thoſe things, which are needful or convenient for them; we humbly beſeech thee to be merciful to us in the forgiveneſs of all our Sins and Offences; to work in us unfeigned Repentance for all the Errors and Offences, which we have committed, to indue us with a ſtedfaſt Faith in thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, to fill us with a lively Hope of that immortal Life, which he has Purchas'd and Promis'd, to enlighten our underſtandings with the knowledge of thy divine Will, to correct our Judgments, and to cure the irregularity of our Wills and Affections, that we may live in conſtant Obedience

bedience to thee. Excite in our Minds a hatred and deteſtation of all Sin, and be pleas'd to afford us the aſſiſtance of thy holy Spirit to enable us to reſiſt all temptations to it. O that we may daily die unto Sin, and moderate our Affections to the periſhing things of this World, and become more holy and heavenly Minded. Incline us to lay up our Treaſure in Heaven, and to make the everlaſting Wel-fare of our immortal Souls the great care and concernment of this Life; and that we may be eternally happy in the other World, make us in this to exerciſe our ſelves in all Chriſtian Virtues and Graces. O that we may ſeriouſly conſider of the infinite Perfections of thy adorable Nature, and the exceeding Goodneſs, which thou haſt glorioufly diſcover'd in our Creation, Preſervation, and Redemption, that our Hearts may be fill'd with pure, fervent, and unfeigned Love of thee, and that we may in all our Difficulties and Dangers put our whole truſt and confidence in thy infinite Power, Wiſdom, Goodneſs and Truth. Make us always extreamly careful to pleaſe thee, and fearful to offend thee; to have a true love for thy Service both Publick and Private; and to be humble and devout in the Performance of it; to be ready to ſubmit to thy divine Will, to be meek and patient under thy Corrections, and to be truly thankful for all thy Benefits. Incline us to be juſt in all our Dealings, and to be ſo affected towards our Neighbour, that we may exactly

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yield to him his due, and ſtrive to obſerve that excellent Precept of loving him, as our ſelves. Give us ſuch tender Bowels of Compaſſion, that we may be always ready according to our Ability, to perform all acts of Charity and Mercy to all Men, whether they be Friends or Enemies. Make us to be humble and meek, grave and ſober, chaſt and temperate, patient and contented in every Condition, ready to forgive and pray for our Enemies, watchful againſt all temptations, and mindful of our latter-end, and that eternal Happineſs and Miſery, which will be the Portion of good and bad Men in another World. Incline us to be careful and diligent in our Calling, and give a Bleſſing to our honeſt Endeavours. Grant us Health and Strength and a competency of the good Things of this Life. Preſerve us from Fire, and Thieves, Storms, and Tempeſts, Lightning and unſeaſonable Weather, and every thing that may hurt us.

Bleſs the univerſal Church with Truth, Unity, Holineſs, and all other good things. Cauſe the light of thy Goſpel to ſhine upon thoſe, that ſit in Darkneſs and in the ſhadow of Death. Convert all unbelievers and wicked Men, and bring them to thy Flock, that they may be ſaved among the Remnant of the true Iſraelites. Bleſs that part of thy Church, which thou haſt graciouſly ſettled in theſe Kingdoms. Defend it againſt all its Enemies, and preſerve it in Peace and Safety. Heal our Diviſions, and unite us together in Faith and

charity;

Charity. Put thy Fear in the Hearts of all Kings, Princes, and Magiſtrates, that they may Govern their Subjects with Juſtice and Equity, and promote thy Honour and Glory. Bleſs our Sovereign *King George*; preſerve him from Dangers, cauſe him to love, fear, and ſerve thee, and to promote thy Glory and the Good of thy People. Bleſs the Royal Family; keep them in thy faith and fear, and give them all thoſe good Things, that are needful for them. Give thy Bleſſing to all our Governours in Church and State, eſpecially to him, whom thou haſt appointed to teach and guide us in the Way to Happineſs; Cauſe them to know thy Will, to live in obedience to thy Laws, and faithfully to perform their ſeveral Duties. O Lord forgive the great and many Sins of this Nation, ſpare us for thy Mercy's ſake, and cauſe us to repent of our Sins, and to amend our Lives, that Iniquity may not be our Ruin. Comfort all thoſe, that are in Affliction and Trouble, and ſupply all their corporal and ſpiritual Wants. Bleſs all our Relations and Friends, give them thoſe Things, that are convenient for them, and incline them ſo to lead their lives in this World, that they may be happy for ever.

Finally, O Lord, we praiſe thee for all thy Favours, which thou haſt vouchſafed to all thy Creatures, (eſpecially to us) for giveing us a reaſonable Being, and making us capable of knowing, and loving, and enjoying thee for ever; for preſerving us from Dangers,

gers, and comforting and ſupporting us under Afflictions and Troubles: for giving us Health, and Proſpering us in our Affairs; for ſending us fruitful Seaſons, and filling our Hearts with Food and Gladneſs, for all the gracious Diſpenſations of thy Providence towards us, and for all thy corporal Favours. But eſpecially we praiſe thee for thy great Goodneſs and Mercy to us, in giving thy dear and well-beloved Son to Redeem us, thy holy Word to direct us in the way of Salvation, thy good Spirit to aſſiſt us in all the Parts of our Duty, to enable us to reſiſt all temptations to Sin, and to perfect Holineſs in thy Faith and Fear: For all the means of Grace, and the hope of endleſs Glory: and we beſeech thee to grant that the conſideration of thy gracious Benefits may excite and move us to love, fear, and ſerve thee truly all our Days, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, in whoſe holy Name and Words we farther call upon thee.

Our Father, which art in Heaven. &c.

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